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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Qin and Examiner Martin for extending the courtesy of an interview on November 9, 2005. During the interview U.S. Patent 4,603,606 to Headen, U.S. Patent 5,689,076 to Usuda and claim 7 were discussed. No agreement was reached with respect to the allowability of the claims.

In response to the Office action dated June 23, 2005, Applicant has cancelled claims 1 - 6. Claim 7 now remains. The Office action indicated that claim 7 was allowed, therefore, Applicants respectfully request the prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowability.

If Applicant's counsel can be of any assistance with respect to this matter, please do not hesitate to call them at the number listed below.

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